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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Proposal to Include SIGINT from Satellites in [REDACTED] and TKN

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1. On 26 May 1962 [REDACTED] of OSI/CIA contacted the writer. He brought with him a Memorandum for the Record prepared by Dr. Scoville which outlined a procedure whereby SIGINT from satellites would be handled as follows:

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a. During the collection and processing stage this material would be handled under the [REDACTED] system. Appropriate [REDACTED] clearances would be obtained for the collectors in the field and the processors at NSA Headquarters. This [REDACTED] security clearance would supersede whatever hold-down indicator clearances used in the past.

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b. The SIGINT product which is identifiable with satellites will be handled in the TKN system.

c. Sanitized versions of the SIGINT product not identifiable with the source will be processed in the normal NSA distribution system.

2. The buckslip transmitting the Memorandum for the Record indicated that Dr. Scoville had obtained preliminary agreement on this procedure on 25 May 1962 from Dr. Charyk, Admiral Frost and Dr. Tordella, OESA. The buckslip further pointed out upon the receipt of in-house concurrences (which included General Strong, Jim Reber and myself) Dr. Scoville would request Dr. Charyk to obtain the NSA concurrence in writing and then Dr. Charyk would move to secure USCIB concurrence in this procedure.

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3. I inquired of [REDACTED] as to the number of SIGINT programs involved and he mentioned there are four. Included are [REDACTED] Program and a piece of SANDS.

4. I informed [REDACTED] that no further action would be taken here until we received further information that the whole proposal has been approved.

5. Discussions will have to be entered into with appropriate officials of the NSA in order to secure further details pertaining to the nature of these programs. It is not anticipated that any investigative work will be involved since undoubtedly all individuals concerned are

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Handle via [REDACTED]

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NSA people and appropriately cleared for SI. We will, however, have to address ourselves as to the nature of the operational clearance which will be given these individuals under [REDACTED]. They could well be housed under the [REDACTED] concept since I understand from [REDACTED] that in many instances individuals cleared would be processing material from all projects.

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